

The Region ReCAP

Southeast Region

...news from across the Region



Alabama-Florida-Georgia-Mississippi-Puerto Rico-Tennessee

May 2005



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Col Matt Sharkey

This month, and periodically throughout the year, members of the SER Command Staff will be supplying our "Commander's Comments". This month, we'd like to welcome Col Eileen Parker, Vice Commander, Southeast Region.

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER?

By definition, a volunteer is:

- A person who performs or offers to perform a service of their own free will.
- To do charitable or helpful work without pay
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"Volunteering is done by choice, without monetary reward for the benefit of the community"

That says it all for Civil Air Patrol. Volunteering for me is a passion! All of our volunteers, Seniors and Cadets often give up family time, vacations, and many other things for the benefit of our organization.

Nothing brought that home like the recent Southeast Region Drill and Color Guard Competition. Everyone there was a volunteer, including the cadets. In spite of outrageous travel costs, declining weather conditions, and minute by minute changes in the schedule, every single member pulled together to get the job done. The Southeast Region Commander was leading the pack of SER Staff members, Wing Commanders, AF Reservists, Liaison staff and Cadets to get the banquet hall set up for the awards luncheon!

Each and every cadet, escort, staff member and parent should be commended for their every day volunteer contribution.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO ALL THE TEAMS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING THE COMPETITION. IT WAS VERY CLOSE. PUERTO RICO WON 1ST PLACE FOR THE DRILL, AND FLORIDA WON 1ST PLACE FOR THE COLOR GUARD. WE WISH THEM THE BEST FOR THE NATIONAL CADET COMPETITION.

Please share your passion of volunteerism by bringing in new members and consciously spend more time with them so they stay active in the program!

(Commander's Comments continued)

Safety Scoreboard: Here is a breakdown of the Southeast Region's safety/security record for FY 05.

| | AC Accidents | AC Mishaps | AC Vandalism/Weather | Vehicle Accidents | Bodily Injury |
|-----|--------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| AL | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FL | 0 | 2* | 1 ** | 0 | 0 |
| GA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| MS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| PR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TN | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| SER | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* Bird strike

** Plane damaged from tornado/severe wind damage

| Membership Numbers for 2005 | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|---------|-------------|------|
| | April | Cadets | Seniors | From Jan 05 | +/- |
| Alabama | 1080 | 327 | 753 | 1087 | -7 |
| Florida | 4176 | 1970 | 2206 | 4366 | -190 |
| Georgia | 1767 | 771 | 996 | 1846 | -79 |
| Mississippi | 518 | 188 | 330 | 525 | -7 |
| Puerto Rico | 1312 | 925 | 387 | 1234 | +70 |
| SER HQ | 95 | 0 | 0 | 92 | +3 |
| Tennessee | 1323 | 560 | 763 | 1340 | -17 |
| | 10271 | 4741 | 5530 | 10490 | -219 |

Missions around the Region: In the month of April, 2005 the CAP NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER coordinated 117 missions involving 754 sorties (# of missions / # of sorties).

Note: In September 2004, CAP-USAF agreed to support one mission number for multiple sorties to expedite the approval process. This helps our members because it reduces the amount of paperwork required for each mission. However, this means we won't be able to directly compare the number of missions approved through the NOC in FY05 with those approved in FY03 and FY04. In order to make a fair comparison, we will also now list the total number of sorties approved with each mission number.

Counterdrug

South East Air Defense Sector - SER (2/12)

Homeland Security

45th Space Wing - FL (2/21)

South East Air Defense Sector - SER (5/26)

Support to military commanders

Exercise TOPOFF 3/ARDENT SENTRY - FL (1/4); GA (1/4); TN (1/4)

Fire Missions - FL (1/31)

Low Level Route Survey - FL (1/1); GA (1/6)

Mid Air Collision Avoidance - MS (1/36)

Other Air Force Assigned Missions

Pilot Continuation Training - SER

NJ Glass Cockpit Training - FL; MS

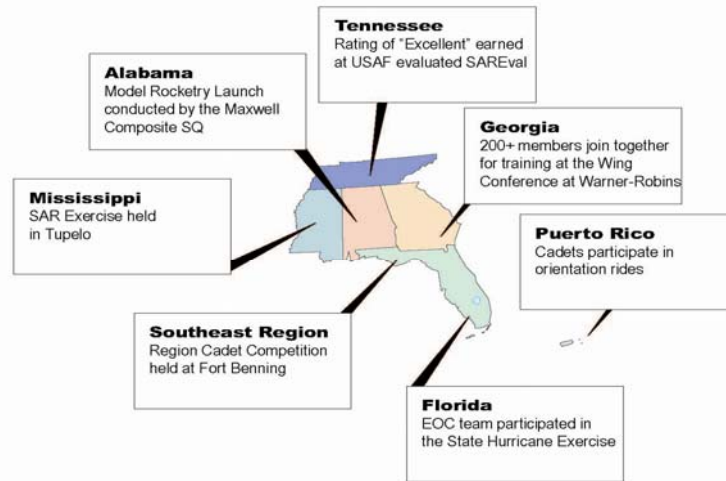
Corporate Missions

Coastal Patrol (Visual Search for Distressed Boaters & Swimmers) - FL (1/17); GA (1/20); MS (4/41)

Support to State, County, or Local agencies - MS (1/2)

(Commander's Comments continued)

Southeast Region: The Last 30 Days



SER CHAPLAIN

Submitted by Chaplain Ralph Rivers, Lt Col, SER/HC

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Sometimes the best-made plans go to pot. No matter how many times we check and double check our schedules, our equipment, and our plan of action, something unexpected happens. I recently had that experience. I have some experience in photography, both film and digital. As a result, I've been taking the class picture at the end of the Chaplain Service Staff College. This year I found some of the film I used in commercial photography. I liked the colors and sharpness and thought this would be a good time to use the film camera again with its wide range flash unit. Great shot, excellent composition, all the things you would think a class picture should be. With one very big exception, unknown to me, nobody processes that film anymore, not Walgreen's, not Kodak, not the local photography store, NO ONE.

Sometimes our best laid plans fall apart and there is nothing we can do to fix the problem. We can learn from the experience and take whatever steps are needed to make sure it doesn't happen again. (I've decided to get out of the film photography business and do everything in digital from now on.) Or, we can get all bent out of shape, yell at somebody, break something and say bad things that will ruin somebody's day. Your choice!

I'm glad that the Bible speaks about bad things happening to both the righteous and the unrighteous. (The rain falls on the fields of the righteous and the unrighteous in equal measure.) Perhaps these are reminders that are important for seniors to remember and lessons to be taught to our cadets that will benefit both in everyday life. God bless and keep you.

SER 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Submitted by Eileen Parker, Col, SER Vice Commander

A date has been set for the Tennessee Wing/Southeast Region Conference! Mark your calendars for October 21-23, 2005 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the Radisson near downtown. More information will be forthcoming regarding registration. The theme will be on Membership/Retention. CAPMART is being firmed up, and there will be many great Seminars and a lot of support from National Headquarters.

See you in Tennessee! There will be a Social on Friday evening, so come in early!



SER STAFF COLLEGE

ATTEND THE SOUTHEAST REGION STAFF COLLEGE



24-30 JULY 2005 AT MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, KNOXVILLE, TN.

The Region Staff College is the formal in-residence course required for completion of Level 4, Professional Development. It prepares selected CAP officers to better execute the duties and responsibilities associated with CAP command and staff positions at squadron level and above.

You are eligible to attend if you have completed Level 3, Professional Development and hold command or staff positions. When warranted, Region Commanders may permit attendance at Region Staff College prior to completion of Level 3. The course includes lectures and seminars covering interpersonal, group and written communication, management, leadership and conference techniques.

Submit your applications on CAPF-17 to:

Wes Hannah, Jr, Lt Col, CAP
Director SERSC 2005
4414 Turnberry Court
Bradenton, Florida 34210-2965
Phone: 941 798 3583
E Mail: wesmarge@tampabay.rr.com
COST: \$50.00

Applications need to be in no later than 01 July 2005.

SER SAFETY

Submitted by Ernie Manzano, Maj, SER Director of Safety



MONTHLY SAFETY TIPS

Maj Manzano is out of town but will return for next month's Safety Tips.



SER MEDICAL

Submitted by Pat Faunt, Lt Col, SER Nurse Officer

AVIATION ISSUES & COLOR VISION

First let's define how our eye perceives color. This is determined by the sensitivity of "cones" in the back of the retina, which distinguish different wavelengths of light. There are 3 types of cones, red, green and blue. These cones work by combining the 3 primary colors, something like a video projector. Not everyone is born with the ability to perceive differences in color for wavelengths of light. Individuals with impaired color vision detection are termed color deficient. Interestingly enough men are 10 times more susceptible to color vision deficiencies than women. That's because color vision is found on the X

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chromosome, and men have a single X chromosome. Most cases of color deficiency are inherited and therefore determined at birth. Rarely, disease conditions can lead to deteriorations in the ability to detect certain colors. Additionally some medications can also lead to disturbances in color vision, such as Viagra and some cardiac medications.

There are 2 types of color vision deficiencies A. Trichromats (color weak), they have the cones in the retina to see all 3 primary colors, however they have a fewer number of cones for one type of color. These types usually can pass the FAA color light gun test even if they have not met the standards on other types of color vision testing. B. Dichromats, These individuals have a complete absence of cones perceiving one of the primary colors. 2% of the male population has this condition. There are 3 types of Dichromats. 1. Protanopes, these people have an absence or deficiency in red receptor cones, and thus are red-green deficient. 2. Deutanopes, they have a deficiency of green receptors and are also red-green deficient. Both of these types have problems with the aviation signal gun, VASI lights and aircraft position lights. 3. Tritanopes - have a deficiency in blue receptor cones and have difficulty with blue-yellow distinctions.

There is also a very rare condition called monochromatism, which is the absence of color sensation, so monochromats view colors similar to the perception from a black and white television.

Medical aviation has some requirements for the ability to detect differences in color, such as night flying, you must be able to distinguish red and green position light on aircraft and be able to do the LED readouts on the instrumentation and warning lights in the cockpit. Both day and night flying require the ability to distinguish airport tower beacons and lighting from hazardous towers and other obstructions to flight. In the event you lose radio communication you must have the ability to distinguish colored light gun signals from the air traffic control tower.

The FAA requires color vision standards to be documented on each FAA Medical application. The diagnosis of color deficiency is based on the inability to reach a passing score on one of a number of color vision tests. Many borderline color deficient individuals who are unable to pass the pseudoisochromatic plates (figures found within a series of differently shaded dots) have successfully passed the Farnsworth lantern test.

The FAA also lists acceptable substitute tests for color vision testing. These tests are described in the **FAA Guide for Aviation Medical Examiners**. Safe flying ya'll. Take Care, be aware

SER CADET PROGRAMS

Submitted by Pete Norris, Lt Col, SER Deputy Chief of Staff for Cadet Programs

Cadet Corner

SOUTHEAST REGION HOLDS CADET COMPETITION

by Capt. Lisa Robinson, Activity Chief of Staff



Florida Wing Color Guard Team with Col Sharkey



Members of the Puerto Rico Drill Team with Col Sharkey

(SER Cadet Programs continued)

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA – The Southeast Region of the Civil Air Patrol held their annual Cadet Competition at Fort Benning, Georgia from 30 Apr to 1 May, 2005. Cadet teams from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, and Tennessee competed for the honor of representing the Southeast Region at the National Cadet Competition to be held in Washington, DC in July of this year. The cadets and their sponsors started their weekend by settling into quarters and enjoying their evening meal at Fort Benning's Dining Facility. Then it was right down to business with the written exam. The Color Guard teams had five cadets and the Drill Teams had seven cadets tie for the highest individual exam score. With severe weather on Saturday, the competition had to move indoors. In-ranks inspections were unique, to say the least, with at least one rifle "taking out" a ceiling fan. Despite the tight room, all teams did very well with Florida's Color Guard and Puerto Rico's Drill Team taking first place in this event.

Fort Benning did a great job of providing additional indoor space so that our competition could continue despite the weather. The Color Guard teams went on to compete in the events of Standard Drill, Indoor Presentation and Outdoor presentation with Mississippi, Alabama, and Mississippi winning these events, respectively. Meanwhile, the Drill Teams competed in Standard Drill and Innovative Drill where Puerto Rico and Florida won these events, respectively. Next, the Drill Teams started the Volleyball games but were not able to finish before the evening mess. After all cadets finished mess, Florida demonstrated their knowledge during the Color Guard Panel Quiz while the Drill Team Panel Quiz ended with Puerto Rico, Mississippi, and Florida in a three-way tie.

On Sunday, with weather finally clear, the Drill Teams were able to finish their volleyball games where Puerto Rico demonstrated superb team determination while taking First Place in this event. After all volleyball games were done, the cadet teams raced to the finish line in the Mile Run. Puerto Rico and Florida each took 2 fleet foot awards home with the overall fastest runner coming in at 4 minutes 51 seconds.

After all events had been completed and the barracks had been cleaned and cleared, the event participants and staff enjoyed a lunch banquet of Southern barbeque and all the trimmings. The anticipation had grown to unbelievable levels while the teams waited to hear the results of their hard work. As each event was announced the banquet hall echoed with excitement and sighs of relief. Although every team competed admirably, only one team can go on to National Cadet Competition. Representing Southeast Region will be the Florida Color Guard and the Puerto Rico Drill Team.

The event staff wishes to extend a very warm 'Thank you' to Fort Benning, our Air Force Reservist, and our Air Force judges for their overwhelming support of this activity. Without their help our competition may have been swept away with the storms on Saturday. We also wish Puerto Rico and Florida the very best while they travel and compete in the National Cadet Competition.

(Photos submitted by C/Lt Owens, C/Lt Cory and C/MSgt Owens)

Submitted by Matt Sharkey, Col, SER Commander

At the recent Southeast Region Cadet Competition, C/Lt Colonel Shawn Hayes, Mississippi Wing, was presented the General Ira C Eaker award and recognized for completing Phase IV of the Cadet Program by Colonel Matt Sharkey, SER Commander. *(Photo by 2Lt Kelly Green)*



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Also, at the Cadet Competition, Col Matt Sharkey presented C/SrA Joshua J. Roberson, Mississippi Wing with the Bronze Medal of Valor. This prestigious award was given to C/Roberson for his heroic efforts in saving the lives of his sister, mother and father during a canoe trip last year on the Black Creek in Mississippi. While his family was in a canoe, Joshua followed in a kayak. The canoe struck a log and the family was thrown from the canoe and swept downstream in a swift current. Joshua was able to, one at a time, rescue his mother, father and sister with the aid of his kayak.

NATIONAL GLIDER FLIGHT ACADEMY

Submitted by David Blubaugh, Lt Col, Georgia Wing Vice Commander

GEORGIA TO HOST CADET NATIONAL GLIDER FLIGHT ACADEMY (NFA) – OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR SENIOR STAFF

Georgia is set to host this year's Glider NFA at Rome, Georgia from 13-23 July. Georgia Wing's Vice Commander, Lt Col David Blubaugh, is the Activity Director for this event. Again this year, all flying will be done at the Richard Russell Airport at Rome and billeting will be on the beautiful campus at Berry College.

The twenty-four cadets are now all paid. We have cadets from as far away as Alaska and California. The Southeast Region and its Wings are well represented. Eleven (11) of the cadets are from this Region: Alabama (1), Florida (2), Georgia (2), Mississippi (3), and Tennessee (3). The two cadets from Florida are identical twins!

The following wings are helping to support us this year with aircraft: Alabama (1 glider, 1 tow plane), Florida (1 glider), Georgia (3 gliders, 2 tow planes), Tennessee (1 tow plane), South Carolina (1 glider, 1 tow plane). In addition, a South Carolina member will be bringing his glider. Thanks in advance to all of these wings and also to the personnel who are involved in getting this set up!

We never seem to have enough senior members at this activity. Some areas that are not yet fully covered are Logistics & Supply, Air Operations, and Administrative. If you think you might be interested in attending all or part of this activity, please call David at 770-599-8181 or email him at dblubaugh@earthlink.net to get more information. No obligation, of course, but expect to be given a sales pitch!

SER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Submitted by Ray Hayden, Maj, SER Deputy Chief of Staff – Professional Development

CAP 200 SERIES PAMPHLETS:

One of the first things I did when I joined CAP was to look for the "regulations" that govern what we do and how we are supposed to do it. Being a former enlisted member of the US Air Force, I knew that there was a listing of how to do probably everything we did.

I did this for two reasons, primarily to find direction in the rules of the road, but secondly to find the bigger picture in how to successfully progress through the system. I'm not talking about the rank structure, but more of the Technician, Senior and Master ratings in job duties.

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I found nearly all I needed to know in the CAP Pamphlet for my job, then Senior Programs Officer, now known as Professional Development Officer. What was not directly in the CAPP 204 was referenced in that manual and easy enough to find. Now that all of the material and regulations is online at National HQ and available for free download, I can periodically go through and make sure the materials that I have are current and up to date.

In the beginning it was to keep myself current, but as I progressed through the ratings, it became even more important for me to be able to quickly find information that I need to properly answer questions that began to come my way, not just in my specialty, but in most of them. The 200 Series Pamphlets are the starting point for me in most of my research.

My CAP beginning was about the aircraft, I wanted to give a purpose to my flying other than going up now and again and remaining current, or flight seeing as I called it. What I got was much more.

Organization:

When I first joined CAP, I had just recently left the comfort and protection of corporate life and started my own business (though doing the same thing, I was now working directly for myself). What they don't teach you during your life in the business world is how to totally guide and direct your entire business. I realized what I needed was guided direction that I could extrapolate into my business life.

CAP and the process of progression gave me the tools I needed for just that purpose. By extrapolating CAP duty performance goals and tasks into real life business goals and objectives, my business not only survived the initial start up phase and began to grow at a faster rate.

CAP gives us opportunities on many levels for personal growth and development, but it also provides us with opportunity for professional growth as well. Take full advantage of what CAP offers in educational and development courses. Interaction with your peers in programs such as the SLS, CLC, UCC Region Staff College and National Staff College are excellent ways to profit from our volunteer service!

The Southeast Region, Region Staff College is to be held: 24 – 30 July 2005 at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base in Knoxville, TN. The information page for this program can be found at: ser.cap.gov/SER_RSC_2005.htm

Best wishes for much success, always!

SER OPERATIONS

Submitted by David E. Lehtonen, Lt Col, SER Deputy Chief of Staff - Operations

This month we will again communicate the latest direction from NHQ with regard to Glass Cockpit and GA-8 training, SDIS equipment removal from a SDIS equipped airplane and an offer to CAP from King Schools for a DVD course on *Practical Risk Management for Pilots*.

- **Additional Funded Training.** In a memorandum from General Wheless dated 14 May 2005, he speaks of additional training funds made available for glass cockpit and GA-8 training to SAR/DR mission qualified pilots. The normal process of submitting a Form 10 through the SD and LR stating that "Glass cockpit transition training flown in accordance with the Cessna syllabus" for glass cockpit training and "GA-8 training flown in accordance with the NHQ syllabus" for GA-8 training will be used. For additional details, see the above referenced memorandum.
- **Removal of the RCOM-100 Satellite Phone.** Recent direction from John Salvador, NHQ Director of Operations, deals with the removal of the Satellite Digital Imaging System (SDIS) equipment from an aircraft so equipped. The procedure to remove an RCOM-100 Satellite Phone is for the person removing the equipment to make an information entry in the Aircraft

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Information File (AIF) on the *Airworthiness Status* page that the RCOM-100 is removed from the aircraft or is reinstalled. Soon, all SDIS equipped aircraft will have a weight and balance calculation by an FAA authorized mechanic with the RCOM-100 in and out of the aircraft. Both weight and balance calculations, with and without the RCOM-100, will be retained in the aircraft for use with the applicable configuration for ease of performing a weight and balance calculation prior to a sortie. The memo from John Salvador, dated 6 May 2005, along with a letter from the RCOM-100 manufacturer, SAGEM Avionics, Inc., dated 6 April 2005, will be posted behind the *Airworthiness Status* page in the AIF of each CAP aircraft that has an SDIS unit or installation kit.

- o **Practical Risk Management for Pilots.** John and Martha King offer a course on DVD entitled *Practical Risk Management for Pilots*. This course was reviewed by CAP in the April issue of *The Sentinel*, the official safety newsletter of the Civil Air Patrol, with favorable results. The nice thing about it is that if any CAP wing is interested in purchasing the course, a discount is offered and the completion of the course will bring a 10% discount on your Avemco Insurance premium. The way this works is for the wing to order 10 courses and get the 11th course free or, buy 50 or more courses at the price of \$35 each instead of the stand alone price of \$49. For additional details, go the king website at <http://kingschools.com/prm.asp>.

As we head into the summer, keep Operational Risk Management ideas and concepts in mind for everything you do – flying, back yard barbecue, driving to your summer vacation retreat, etc. As the *Sentinel* points out, “eagerness and inattention can be a tragic combination” when we are anxious to partake of summer’s fun activities. Be Safe!

SER COUNTERDRUG

Submitted by Ed Kessler, Capt SER/CDDA

ALABAMA WING COUNTERDRUG TRAINING

April 30 and May 1, ALWG CD conducted a rescheduled photo / imagery training exercise at Selma, AL. The training facilities were provided through the valued and kind support of the Alabama State Police Troop. Their first rate training base contained classrooms a computer lab, BOQ style student dorms and a flight line.

Capt Paul Moses, ALWG Counterdrug Officer Assistant (CDOA) reports that 25 CD aircrew members attended and six aircraft were deployed. Area weather restricted flight operations to forty-five minute sorties, however 15 aircrew were trained aloft. Training was provided on aerial photo techniques followed by flight assignments to image several areas having "suspicious growth" along with other targets. The emphasis was placed on training aircrews to record Lat & Lon, & other critical data. Additionally two SDIS flight crews conducted satellite transmitted digital imagery training which brought ALWG to mission ready status. Aircrews trained in imagery transfer from camera to PC, imagery editing, text - data insertion, and transmission procedures to the State / Federal agency.

CAPF 84 training stressed the importance of comprehensive report about suspect growth shown in the imagery, and also the importance of administrative proficiency, understanding and correctly reporting various post mission statistical data. Capt Moses was assisted by Maj Jay Holland, ALWG CDO, and LtCol Larry Becker. Capt Moses provided the following to aid other counterdrug officers and crews to maximize their training and mission readiness.

LESSONS LEARNED CDO CONSIDERATIONS

1. Flexibility: Contingency planning: e.g. have additional non-redundant training materials, and equipment to allow for unpredictable weather or equipment issues.
2. Scheduling Plan alternate training dates, to negate effects of either planned or unplanned exercises that may well restrict personnel or aircraft availability.

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AIRCREW PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

1. CD crewmembers should "preflight" all computer gear and insure they have compatible PCs, Software and peripherals e.g. high speed internet jacks etc.
2. CD crewmembers should also self-train whenever possible on PC's and increase their proficiency with the CD imagery processing software.

SER PERSONNEL

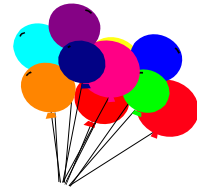
Submitted by Diane Reid, Maj, SER Director of Personnel/PAO

PROMOTIONS AROUND THE REGION

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| Lipscombe III, Clarence | Lt Col | MS-048 |
| Humphries, John | Lt Col | TN-036 |
| Olson, Stanley B. | Lt Col | FL-424 |
| Peacock, Ivan | Lt Col | TN-160 |

SER STAFF JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| Lt Col Bartolo Ortiz | June 10 |
| Lt Col Charles Clement | June 16 |
| Lt Col Guillermo (Willie) Heredia | June 17 |
| Lt Col David Garner | June 19 |
| Lt Col Richard Greenwood | June 20 |
| Lt Col Kenneth Colton | June 24 |



PLEASE JOIN US IN WISHING THEM A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ATTENTION TO ALL CAP MEMBERS!!!!!!!

The long awaited new CAPM 39-1, Civil Air Patrol Uniforms, is now available on the national web site under Members/Publications and Forms. It is a file of almost 5 MB, but is also available in smaller files by chapter.

Please spread the word and let's all get with the new uniform wear instructions!

ALABAMA WING

Commander: Col John Tilton

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Boaz Middle School Civil Air Patrol

A Valley school is gearing up to become one of the first middle schools in Alabama to have its own Civil Air Patrol program. Students at Boaz Middle School will not only get CPR and first responder certification, they'll get to fly in the aircraft as well. The Civil Air Patrol program will be available to kids as young as 12.

They'll basically get the same training an Air Force recruit would get, even assisting in search and rescue operations. The aerospace education will be a complement to the science curriculum at Boaz Middle School. School Leaders say it's practical knowledge that can be useful throughout life and could possibly lead to a career.

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"Many of them will choose to go on and get their pilots license or in some cases join the military and become military pilots or mechanics because of the love of aviation that has been instilled in them," Assistant Superintendent Dr. Randall Haney said.

The Civil Air Patrol program isn't official yet. Alabama wing commanders will be on hand in late May to complete the process. Everything should be ready to go for the 2005-2006 school year.

FLORIDA WING

Commander: Col Joe Martin

Submitted by Dan Levitch, Maj, Florida Wing Chief of Staff

"PROMOTION IN A VIPER"

BY MAJ. PETER ACEVEDO, CAP - POMPANO BEACH CADET SQUADRON, FLORIDA

On 12 May 2005 in the back seat of an F-16D from the 524th Fighter Squadron, Cannon AFB, NM Alejandro "AA" Acevedo was promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Air Force.



524th crew chief setup 1Lt Acevedo for flight

In the "Saber 3 Flight" at 300 knots Lt. Col. George "Thang" Schaub swore in "AA" as a newly promoted Captain. Lt. Col. Schaub is the Director of Operations (DO) of the 27th Operation Support Squadron (OSS) at Cannon AFB. "AA" asked Lt. Col. Schaub to read him the officer's oath while conducting an Air Traffic Control (ATC) familiarization flight.

The Cannon's 27th Airfield Operation Flight (OSA) has a program that enables all their air traffic controllers to conduct familiarization flights. In these

flights the controllers experience actual pilot conditions and how ATC has a large impact on the aircraft's missions.

Captain Acevedo has been a Senior Member of the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron since 1996. Captain Acevedo currently is the Operations Officer of the 27th OSA Flight, Cannon AFB, NM. "AA" is a certified air traffic controller. He holds ratings in the control tower and radar approach control (RAPCON).



"Thang" shuts down F16 Viper

"AA" is PCSing to Hickam AFB in July and will be working on Combat Air Space for the Pacific Air Force (PACAF).

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Lt Col George "Thang" Schaub shakes hands with newly promoted Capt Alejandro "AA" Acevedo

*"Congratulations
Capt. Acevedo and
we thank you for
the great job you
are doing"*



"AA" and "Thang" walk back to the squadron for debrief

GEORGIA WING **Commander: Col Don Greene**

Submitted by David Blubaugh, Lt Col, Georgia Wing Vice Commander

G1000 CESSNA 182

The week of 23 May, Lt Col Will Hargrove and Major Brant Robinson head to the Cessna factory in Independence, Kansas. They will be receiving training in the new G1000 glass cockpit C-182 and be certified as G1000 instructors. Friday of that week, the two pilots will be flying our new aircraft back to Georgia. The aircraft will be based at Gwinnette County Airport, KLZU, and hangered at the local squadron's facility there. Lt Col Hargrove is the commander of that unit and will be in charge of the "transition" as pilots get checked out in this new technology aircraft. Major Robinson is the Georgia Wing Safety Officer. These two officers will be responsible for conducting the training of all pilots who will fly this aircraft. Since it will take a while to get some mission aircrews qualified in the G1000 aircraft, we will continue to base the C172 at LZU for at least two more months so that we still have SAR capability from that location. Once we have full mission capability in the new aircraft, the C172 will be transferred to another unit.

GEORGIA WING STAN EVAL

We are very happy to announce that Captain Lou Williams has accepted the position of Georgia Wing Stan Eval Officer. Lou is a highly experienced CAP check pilot and mission check pilot and we feel very lucky to have him return to Wing Headquarters. This critical position has been vacant for several months.

GEORGIA WING AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

Lt Col Don McBride has asked to step down a couple of notches at our Wing Headquarters so that he has more free time to devote to his own "project" airplane. He will be assisting with glider maintenance issues and helping train our new Maintenance team. Joining us as Wing Maintenance Officer is pilot and A&P/IA member Captain Bob Fullard. 1Lt "TC" Chambers is his assistant. These two gentlemen have extensive experience in aircraft maintenance and will be a tremendous asset to the Wing.

Submitted by Tonya Boylan, Capt, Georgia Wing Director of Public Affairs

2005 Georgia Wing Conference Largest Ever

Robins AFB, GA - The 2005 Georgia Wing Conference boasted its largest attendance numbers ever. Over 200 members of the Georgia Wing attended the conference which was held on Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Georgia.

The Awards Banquet keynote speaker was General Scott Hammond, Commander, Georgia Air National Guard. Other special guests included: Command Chief Betty Morgan (Command Chief, Ga. Air National Guard), Lt. Col. William Hickman, (USAF Southeast Liaison Commander), Mr. Al King (CAP-USAF State Director, Georgia) Col. Matthew Sharkey (SER Commander), Col. Eileen Parker (SER Vice-Commander),

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LTC Guillermo Heredia (SER Chief-of-Staff), Col. James Rushing (Tennessee Wing Commander), Col. John Tilton (Alabama Wing Commander), and Col. John Wilkes (Mississippi Wing Commander).

Two Spaatz Achievement Awards were among the awards presented at the banquet. The awards, presented by General Hammond, were to C/Col. Carl G. Godbee of the Savannah Composite Squadron and C/Col. Rodney C.N. Joye of the Griffin Composite Squadron. An Eaker Achievement Award was presented to C/LTC Megan E. Gallagher of the Sandy Springs Cadet Squadron by Col. Don Greene. Col. Greene also presented an Earhart Award to C/Capt. Jonathan Merck of the Stephens County Composite Squadron.



C/Col Carl Godbee receives his Spaatz Award



C/Col Rodney Joye and Gen Hammond

Georgia Wing Members Honored for their Contributions to Aerospace Education

Marietta, GA - The Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council presented eight Senior members of the Georgia Wing with Certificates of Commendation for their outstanding contributions and service to the promotion of Aerospace Education throughout the State of Georgia. The commendations were presented

at ARMAC's 53rd Military Affairs Luncheon at the Cobb Galleria Centre on 9 May 2005.



The keynote speaker for the luncheon was General Dan K. McNeill, Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces Command. ARMAC was created to foster partnerships, education and a strong working relationship between the business and military communities in the Atlanta area.

Submitted by Kay Van Doren, 1Lt, Moody AFB Composite Squadron



Moody AFB Composite Cadets received valuable training in ELT search, First Aid and litter carrying during their meeting on 19 May 05. This training was provided by Lt Vince Altebello and took place in the woods at Moody AFB.



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Cadets participating in this training were C/CMSGT Logan Battermann, C/SMSGt Roger Johnson, C/MSGT Kyle Armstrong, C/A1C Jason Farrington, C/A1C Josh Tsonos, C/AMN Terra Terrio, C/A1C Michael Ford, C/AMN Curtis Harris, C/AMN Tommy Hammond, C/SRA Mark Wallace, C/A1C Julie Driskell, C/A1C Isaac Mondesir, C/A1C Dustin Parish, C/TSGT Doug White. Senior members participating in this training were TFO Amanda Miller and 1Lt Kay Van Doren.

2Lt Vince Altebello conducted this training in an informative and professional manner. Everyone present learned a great deal from the experience. The cadets are eager to become ground team certified and will be continuing their efforts to achieve this goal. The cadets of the Moody AFB Composite Squadron have always and continue to make us proud.

LOCAL STUDENT MICHAEL ANDREW VAN DOREN II RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR



Lowndes County High School Junior recognized for superior academic achievement by The National Society of High School Scholars

ATLANTA - April 2005 - The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) today announced that Lowndes County High School student Michael Andrew Van Doren II from Valdosta, GA has been selected for membership. The Society recognizes the top scholars in the nation and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence. The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Prize family.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Michael has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," said Mr. Nobel. "Michael is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help students like Michael build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and publicity honors.

Formed in 2002, The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world. Currently, there are more than 150,000 Society members, representing 15,000 high schools in nearly 20 countries. NSHSS advocates for scholarship opportunities for deserving young people and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships since its inception just two years ago.

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Submitted by Jim Phillips, Capt, PAO, Savannah Composite Flying Tiger Squadron, Georgia Wing



TIGERS PARTICIPATE IN SAREVAL

Eleven cadets and seniors from the Savannah Composite Flying Tiger Squadron, based at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport participated in the Georgia Wing SAREVAL, on 21 May 2005 at Malcolm McKinnon Field on St. Simon's Island, Georgia.



Picture one shows Cadet Rawlinson, Lt. Rawlinson, Deputy Commander Cadets of GA075, Cadets Traver and Hoover, and Lt. Col. Wheeler alongside CAPFLT921

Picture two shows Cadets Rawlinson, Traver, and Hoover with a vintage Piper Vagabond.

Picture three shows some GA075 members with GAWG Group 6 staff members. Shown (L-R) Cadets Rawlinson, Traver, and Hoover, Major Bill Wallace of Group 6, Lt. Col. Jack Caldwell, Group 6 Commander, Lt. Col. Wheeler, Jr. and Lt. Rawlinson, both of GA075, Savannah, the Flying Tiger Squadron.

MISSISSIPPI WING **Commander: Col John Wilkes**

Submitted by D.A. "Hank" Rogers, 1Lt, Commander, Col Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron
Photos by Patrick Walker, 1Lt

COL Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron (MS048), Mississippi Wing, Civil Air Patrol, sponsors Command Assumption, Promotion and Awards Ceremony.

At a formal ceremony in the Hurricane Hunter's Briefing Theater, Keesler Air Force Base, MS, Cadet Lieutenant Brian McGinley Jr. assumed the duty of Cadet Commander for the COL Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron. Inducting the new Cadet Commander was 1LT David A. 'Hank' Rogers, Squadron Commander. In conjunction with the April 26, 2005 Command service, COL John B. Wilkes, Commander of the Mississippi Wing, Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary presented, awards and promotions to Cadet and Senior members.

Four Cadets received the **General Billy Mitchell Award**, C/LT Julie Wright, C/LT Justin Gunter, C/LT Rodney Wright and C/LT Brian McGinley. Also recognized was C/LT Andrew Hanes for having earned his Mitchell earlier in the month. The award has existed since 1964 and honors the late Brigadier General Billy Mitchell; aviation pioneer, advocate, and staunch supporter of an independent Air Force for America.

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Mitchell Award recipients are eligible for advanced placement in the grade of E-3 (Airman First Class) should they choose to enlist in the US Air Force. They are also eligible for advanced credit in the Air Force ROTC program. Mitchell Award cadets may also apply for a variety of scholarships and CAP special activities.



Front, left to right: Sarah Lipscombe, Rebekah Lipscombe, Bailey Simpson and Colton Flynn

Rear, left to right: Julie Wright, Justin Gunter, Rodney Wright and Brian McGinley

Also pictured: MAJ Richard Griffith, Director of Cadet Programs, MS Wing and CPT Jamie Griffith, Deputy Commander for Cadets, COL Berta A. Edge Squadron.

In addition, several Cadets received their Wright Brothers Award, Sarah Lipscombe, Rebekah Lipscombe, Bailey Simpson and Colton Flynn. This award, earned after completing Phase I, "The Learning Phase," consists of the first three achievements of the cadet program. In addition, the cadet must pass a challenging examination testing leadership knowledge and proficiency in drill and ceremonies.



Receiving their first, "Find Ribbons" (from left to right) were Cadets Bailey Simpson, Brian McGinley (CC Rogers, center), Felipe Queiroz and Robert Mulvihill.

Squadron members promoted by Commander Rogers included; SM Ron Carr to 2LT; 2LT Brian McGinley Sr. to 1LT; 2LT Cathy Whitney to 1LT and Cadet Erin Gunter to Cadet Senior Airman.

The Air Force Association honored C/LT Andrew Hanes with their "Company Grade Officer of the Year" award and the Air Force Sergeants

Association presented C/LT Brian McGinley with the "NCO of the Year" decoration. Also receiving special recognition was C/TSgt Emma Sympton, as the VFW's "NCO of the Year" and C/MAJ Matthew Walker, VFW's "Cadet Officer of the Year".

PUERTO RICO WING
Commander: Col Herman Liboy

Submitted by Jose Ramos, Lt Col, Puerto Rico Wing Public Affairs Officer

Puerto Rico Wing PAO's Gather to Share Knowledge and Skills

YAUCO, PUERTO RICO—On April 23rd, 2005, some of the Puerto Rico Wing's Public Affairs Officers gathered at the Yauco HS Cadet Squadron facilities in the southern town of Yauco to share their knowledge and skills as well as develop them during the first session of the Puerto Rico Wing PAO Workshop.

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Seven senior members and four cadets participated in the activity. The Workshop was sponsored by the Puerto Rico Wing PAO, LTC Jose Ramos. During the Workshop the participants were able to participate in discussions on topics that ranged from the functions of a PAO at the Squadron Level to the basic principles of publishing a Unit Newsletter.

The participants also received a presentation on Recruiting and Marketing Techniques. This presentation was conducted by Puerto Rico Air National Guard Recruiter, Technical Sergeant Tirso Peña. TSG Peña is also a CAP member and former Spaatz cadet. During this presentation participants received knowledge on several marketing techniques used by professional recruiters and how best to market our program in a way that attracts persons from different backgrounds and with different needs that can contribute to the success of our organization.

A second PAO Workshop is scheduled to be conducted during the month of September to cover additional topics and better prepare the Wing PAOs to tell the CAP story.



Workshop participants receive a presentation by Air National Guard Recruiter TSG Peña.

TENNESSEE WING
Commander: Col Jim Rushing

Submitted by Jim Rushing, Col, Tennessee Wing Commander

TENNESSEE WING AIR FORCE SAR EVAL

We had a successful weekend with our Air Force SAR Eval. In spite of some areas where we recognize we can make further improvements, we scored an overall Excellent. The real highlight was a score of Outstanding in Communications which is usually a difficult area for us. Congratulations to Lt. Connie Harrison and Capt. Steve Robeson who were primarily responsible for our communication success. Thanks to all who participated in this important exercise.

HISTORY CORNER BY
COL MATT SHARKEY

From CAP NEWS, April 1975

Maxwell AFB, Ala – Ten squadrons have been named Civil Air Patrol's 1974 "Squadrons of Distinction" for their accomplishments in the cadet programs.

The "Top 10" are, ranked in order (only SER units are listed):

1. Cutler Cadet Squadron, Florida
6. Birmingham Composite Squadron 34, Alabama

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7. Isla Grande Composite Squadron, Puerto Rico

Other awards presented were:

"Top Region" to the Southeast Region commanded by Colonel Oscar Jolley, CAP, for having his Region named the best in the organization.

"Tops in CAP" to the Mississippi Wing, commanded by Colonel John Vozzo, CAP, for having his Wing named the best in the organization.

SER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| 10-11 June 2005 | Florida Wing Conference, Orlando |
| 10 June 2005 | Southeast Region Staff Meeting, Orlando (tentative) |
| 05 July 2005 | National Aerospace Education Staff Officer's School Pensacola, FL |
| 06-11 July 2005 | National Cadet Competition, Washington, D.C. |
| 24-30 July 2005 | Southeast Region Staff College, McGee Tyson, Knoxville, TN |
| 24-31 July 2005 | Cadet NCO Course, Florida Wing |
| 05-07 August 2004 | Mississippi Wing Conference, Meridian Naval Air Station |
| 21-23 October 2005 | Tennessee Wing/Southeast Region Conference, Knoxville, TN |

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Diane Reid, Major
SER Director, Personnel/PAO

